



## Monnal T75 has received the 'Observeur du Design' Label

### Press release

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#### L'activité Santé d'Air Liquide

Air Liquide's Healthcare business supplies medical gases & equipment to hospitals, medical services to patients at home and is active in the fight against nosocomial infections. Its 7,800 employees serve 5,000 hospitals and 300,000 patients, on five continents.

In 2008, the Healthcare sales were €1,700M of which 63% out of France.

The 'Observeur du Design' Label was awarded to Air Liquide Medical Systems for its new Monnal T75 ventilator, by a judging panel from the APCI (Agency for the Promotion of Industrial Creation).

Awarded annually since 1999 by the APCI, the Observeur du Design Label rewards the most outstanding product resulting from collaboration between manufacturers and designers.

Monnal T75 is a new generation ventilator intended for hospitals, to be used in intensive care and resuscitation units. It allows both invasive and non-invasive ventilation for all patients, from children to adults. This ventilator was specifically designed to meet the precise needs of health care establishments.

Soft colors and rounded shapes were used for the Monnal T75, in order to give the medical device a reassuring look, for patients and their families as well as for the nursing staff. Compact and autonomous, the unit is easy to move around and integrate in ever-shrinking spaces. The ventilator uses a large touch screen interface, for which particular attention was paid to safety and ease of use, allowing medical teams to spend more time with the patient. Finally, the demanding design of the Monnal T75 takes account of sterilization and hygiene constraints, and thus contributes to the fight against hospital-borne infections.

The Monnal T75 will be on display at the 'Observeur du Design' Label Exhibit, from **October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 to February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010, at the Cité des sciences et de l'industrie**, as well as in the Observeur du Design 2010 Catalog.

**Norbert Rieth**, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Air Liquide Medical Systems, declared: ***"We are delighted to have received this distinction, which symbolizes all the work accomplished by various medical teams and by our colleagues and designers in order to best meet the needs of patients and hospitals."***